

Making an Effective Database

(Vocabulary)

- 1. Determine what you need to put on the page. Look at the Leçon topic.**
- 2. Organize the items and include phrases. Make a plan.**
- 3. Give graphics a consideration - sometimes illustrating the page helps the words on the page to sink more deeply into your memory.**
- 4. Sometimes, you have to put in terms from your text for a more complete picture, but databases should **NOT** be just words from your text - they're **explorations**.**
- 5. Add samples and cultural knowledge, like “We use **go**, but the French use **faire**”**

So...let's say my topic is...Meeting & Greeting.

I'll need to brainstorm phrases and terms in English, find the French equivalents, and set my Category.

Meeting and Greeting

CULTURAL/GRAMMAR NOTE:

Americans say "How are you doing?" (~~faire - to do~~) The French say something closer to "How's it going?" (aller - to go)

Ça va? and **Je vais bien.**

It's All in a **NAME**

I call myself...: uses s'appeler (a "regular" verb - reflexive)
Most commonly form used in conversations.

Ex: je m'appelle = I call myself / my name is...

Name: nom (m)

First name: prénom

Middle name:

Last name: surnom

My name is...: Mon nom est... Most commonly used on tests, forms and legal documents.

Ways to introduce someone properly:

Note: make sure you use the right "level of formality."

Informal: Je te présente... = I present to you / Let me introduce you to...

Formal: Je vous présente... = I present to you / Let me introduce you to...

These "levels of formality" are geared towards the person you introduce someone to;

To introduce someone to the President:

Je vous présente...

Nice to meet you. = Enchanté

This **really** means "enchanted" but it's a really cool - and short - way to say "pleased to meet you."

CULTURAL/GRAMMAR NOTE:

★When you meet someone for the first time, use good manners and appropriate formality.

Make it Formal:

Greeting words that have "bon" or "bien"

Farewells that have "à", "au" or "aux"

"Good manners" for French people means that you can shake hands (one up & down only) and **exchange kisses on each cheek (alternating)**. The number is based on region, so follow the other person's lead.

